GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4021
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Rail Line between Chatra to Tori
Singh Shri Sunil Kumar

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new railway lines including Chatra to Tori for which survey has been conducted during the last three years;

(b) whether any rail line is proposed between Chatra to Gaya and Tori;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the budget allocation made for these new lines so far;

(d) the estimated budget required to complete the Chatra-Gaya railway line; and

(e) the present status of the said lines and the time by which these lines are likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4021 BY SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 10.08.2016 REGARDING RAIL LINE BETWEEN CHATRA TO TORI.

(a): During last three years, survey for only one new line project i.e. Parasnath-Madhuban-Giridih (35 km) falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar and Jharkhand has been completed. As per the survey report, cost of the project is `307 crore with negative rate of return. However, reassessment of this project line as part of complete route of Parasnath-Madhuban-Giridih-Madhupur has been taken up.

For Chatra − Tori (66 Km) New Line section a Reconnaissance Engg-cum-Traffic Survey (RETS) had been completed in 2005-06. As per the survey report, the cost of new line had been assessed at `278 crore with negative Rate of Return. The project could not be taken forward due to its unremunerative nature. However, to reassess the viability of the project, an updating survey for this section has been taken up.

(b) to (e): Gaya-Chatra (97 Km) New Line project has been sanctioned in 2008-09 at a cost of `416 crore. The project could not take off due to abnormal increase in cost of land and limited overall availability of funds for new line projects. The anticipated cost of this project has now reached to more than `4000 crore. An expenditure of `14 crore has been incurred upto March 2015 with an outlay of `2 crore in 2016-17.

The target date of completion of the project has not been fixed.
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